

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 24-24228-CIV-ALTONAGA/Reid
CASE NO. 25-24784-MC-ALTONAGA/Reid**

MEGAN PETE,

Plaintiff,

v.

MILAGRO ELIZABETH COOPER,

Defendant.

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DAYSTAR PETERSON,

Petitioner,

v.

MEGAN PETE,

Respondent.

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ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Court *sua sponte*. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42 authorizes the Court to “consolidate [] actions” if they “involve a common question of law or fact[.]” Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) (alterations added). In Case Number 25-24784-MC, Petitioner, Daystar Peterson seeks a protective order regarding his compelled continued deposition in Case Number 24-24228-CIV. *See generally Peterson v. Cooper*, No. 25-24784-MC, Mot. for Protective Order [ECF No. 1] filed September 24, 2025 (S.D. Fla. 2025). The above captioned cases are related actions involving overlapping facts. *See id.* 2¹ (“Megan Pete . . . seeks to compel discovery from Mr. Peterson, alleging he compensated a co-defendant to defame her.”). Consolidation of

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these cases is appropriate to avoid unnecessary duplication of the parties' and judicial labor and effort.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Case Numbers 24-24228-CIV and 25-24784-MC are **CONSOLIDATED** for all purposes. The Clerk of Court shall **CLOSE** Case Number 25-24784-MC. All future filings in these related actions shall be made under **Case Number 24-24228-CIV-ALTONAGA/Reid** only.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 24th day of October, 2025.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: counsel of record